

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. – 3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) An image display element, comprising:

a plurality of data lines to which display signals are applied, the data lines being embedded in a first substrate;

a plurality of scan lines to which scan signals are applied, the scan lines being embedded in the first substrate;

a first wire ~~having a surface which is exposed, the first wire being~~ electrically connected to one of the scan lines;

a second wire ~~having a surface which is exposed, the second wire being~~ arranged at a first distance of less than or equal to 10 $\mu$ m from the first wire;

a second substrate that is disposed opposite to the first substrate at a second distance from the first substrate;

a liquid crystal layer disposed between the ~~exposed surface of the first wire and the exposed surface of the second wire~~ first and second substrates, the liquid crystal layer having a thickness; and

a spacer disposed between the first and second substrates, the spacer prescribing the thickness of the liquid crystal layer,

wherein the first wire has a predetermined surface that does not directly abut the first substrate, the predetermined surface of the first wire being disposed on a side of the first substrate that directly abuts the liquid crystal layer,

wherein the second wire has a predetermined surface that does not directly abut the first substrate, the predetermined surface of the second wire being disposed on the side of the first substrate that directly abuts the liquid crystal layer, and

wherein the spacer is an insulator in direct physical contact with the entire predetermined ~~exposed~~ surface of at least one of the first and second wires such that no portion of the at least one of the first and second wires is in direct physical contact with the liquid crystal layer, ~~and~~

~~a counter-substrate that is disposed opposite to the substrate,~~

~~wherein the counter substrate is disposed at a second distance from the substrate, and  
wherein the insulator is a spacer that prescribes the second distance.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The image display element according to claim 4, wherein a potential of the second wire is substantially equal to a potential of a scan line other than the one of the scan line lines.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The image display element according to claim 4, further comprising:

a first pixel electrode and a second pixel electrode that are supplied with display signals from one of the data lines;

a first switching device that controls a supply of the display signals ~~signal~~ in the one of the data line lines, wherein the first switching device is electrically connected between the one of the data line lines and the first pixel electrode, the first switching device having and that has a gate electrode;

a second switching device that is electrically connected between the gate electrode of the first switching device and the one of the scan line lines; and

a third switching device that is connected to the one of the data lines, the third switching device controlling line and that controls a supply of the display signals ~~signal~~ to the second pixel electrode.

9. – 15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) An image display device, comprising:

a data line driving circuit that supplies ~~[[a]] display~~ signals ~~signal~~ to a plurality of data lines;

a scan line driving circuit that supplies ~~[[a]] scan~~ signals ~~signal~~ to a plurality of scan lines;

a first wire embedded on a first substrate, ~~and having a surface which is exposed~~, the first wire being electrically connected to one of the scan lines;

a second wire embedded on the first substrate, ~~and having a surface which is exposed,~~  
the second wire being arranged at a first distance of less than or equal to  $10\mu\text{m}$  from the first wire;

a second substrate that is disposed opposite to the first substrate at a second distance from the first substrate;

a liquid crystal layer disposed between the ~~exposed surface of the first wire and the exposed surface of the second wire~~ first and second substrates, the liquid crystal layer having a thickness;

a spacer disposed between the first and second substrates, the spacer prescribing the thickness of the liquid crystal layer,

wherein the first wire has a predetermined surface that does not directly abut the first substrate, the predetermined surface of the first wire being disposed on a side of the first substrate that directly abuts the liquid crystal layer,

wherein the second wire has a predetermined surface that does not directly abut the first substrate, the predetermined surface of the second wire being disposed on the side of the first substrate that directly abuts the liquid crystal layer, and

wherein the spacer is an insulator in direct physical contact with the entire predetermined ~~exposed~~ surface of at least one of the first and second wires such that no portion of the at least one of the first and second wires is in direct physical contact with the liquid crystal layer. ~~;~~ and

~~a counter substrate that is disposed opposite to the substrate,~~

~~wherein the counter substrate is disposed at a second distance from the substrate, and~~

~~wherein the insulator is a spacer that prescribes the second distance.~~

17. (Currently Amended) The image display device according to claim 16, wherein a potential of the second wire is substantially equal to a potential of a scan line other than the one of the scan line lines.

18. (Currently Amended) The image display device according to claim 16, further comprising:

a first pixel electrode and a second pixel electrode that are supplied with a first display signal from the display signals from the data line driving circuit via a same first data line;

a first switching device that controls the supply of the first display signal from the first data line to the first pixel electrode, the first switching device being and that is driven based

on a first scan signal from the scan signals supplied from the scan line driving circuit via a first scan line;

a second switching device that controls a supply of the first display signal from the first data line to the second pixel electrode, the second switching device being and that is driven based on a second scan signal from the scan signals supplied from the scan line driving circuit via a second scan line subsequent to the first scan line; and

a third switching device that is driven based on the first scan signal supplied from the first scan line, the third switching device controlling and that controls ON and OFF of the second switching device.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) The image display element according to claim 4, wherein the first distance from the second wire to the first wire is less than or equal to  $5\mu\text{m}$ .

22. (Previously Presented) The image display device according to claim 16, wherein the first distance from the second wire to the first wire is less than or equal to  $5\mu\text{m}$ .

23. (Previously Presented) The image display element according to claim 4, wherein one of the first and second wires is in direct physical contact with the liquid crystal layer.

24. (Currently Amended) The image display element according to claim 4, wherein the spacer extends through the  $[[a]]$  thickness of the liquid crystal layer such that the spacer is in direct physical contact with the at least one of the first and second wires, the first substrate, and the second ~~counter~~ substrate.

25. (Currently Amended) The image display element according to claim 4, wherein the liquid crystal layer is in direct physical contact with the first substrate and the second ~~counter~~ substrate.

26. (Previously Presented) The image display device according to claim 16, wherein one of the first and second wires is in direct physical contact with the liquid crystal layer.

27. (Currently Amended) The image display device according to claim 16, wherein the spacer extends through the  $[[a]]$  thickness of the liquid crystal layer such that the spacer is

in direct physical contact with the at least one of the first and second wires, the first substrate, and the second ~~counter~~ substrate.

28. (Currently Amended) The image display device according to claim 16, wherein the liquid crystal layer is in direct physical contact with the first substrate and the second ~~counter~~ substrate.